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### THE CHRISTMAS GERMAN.

Danced At the Opera House By a Large Number of Couples.

One of the prettiest German dances given in this city was danced at the Opera House on Christmas night, by a large number of couples, led by Mr. Clarence R. Howard. The house was beautifully decorated with ropes and wreaths of running cedar; the floor was like glass, and the music such as Donch only can furnish. The scenery in the house had been utilized to cut off that portion of the house under the stage, and the effect was beautiful. The dance began at 9:30 and was kept up until an early hour in the morning. At the German it was announced that the New Year's dance would be held next Wednesday night, and, as an innovation, the young ladies will select their own escorts. Before the conclusion of the dance a dainty supper was served to those present, who were: Chaperones—Mesdames Josephine Wallace, J. T. Goodrick, Ann Boyd Potts, J. Stansbury Wallace, Walter C. Stearns, H. H. Johnston, C. C. Rowlett.

Misses Harris, of Charlestown, W. Va.; Baron of Louisville, Ky.; Marie Barber, Edith Barber, Lula Braxton, Lizzie Daniel, Virgie Carmichael, Kate N. Doggett, Mary G. Wallace, Maude Embrey, Ellen Wallace, Fannie T. Carmichael, Fannie Thompson, Eva Tyler, Edmo C. Lee, Jennie Maitland, Elsie Ficklen, Nannie Ficklen, Lizzie Harkamp, Lizzie Doswell, Fannie Taylor, Mary Shepherd, and Messrs. Blight Harrison, Chester Goodrich, H. H. Johnston, Mason Smith, Edmund Bradford, W. E. Bradley, C. O. Goodrick, B. C. Young, E. M. Young, Jr., T. S. Shepherd, C. R. Howard, R. H. Carmichael, H. Henderson, W. H. Harkamp, M. C. Thompson, of Baltimore; J. C. Goodrick, J. S. Wallace, J. C. Chester, Charles Beale, G. W. Shepherd, Jr., J. H. Britton, W. C. Stearns, C. B. Carmichael, of Baltimore; A. F. Dickson, M. G. Latimer, of Baltimore; James E. Bradley, of Baltimore; J. H. Bowman, of New York; J. Green Shackelford, of Richmond, and F. R. Tyler, of Lynchburg.

### BRYAN IN MEXICO

Nebraska Statesman Talks On the Silver Question.

Mexico City, Dec. 27.—The papers all comment on the arrival of W. J. Bryan here, but it is understood that his visit is merely one of pleasure and recreation. He is accompanied by his wife and children.

Talking on the silver question, Mr. Bryan said: "While India has suspended the coinage of silver, she still uses silver as her money, and England coins a large number of rupees annually for India's needs. If Mexico were to adopt the gold standard it would reduce still further the price of silver, and it is not improbable that India and China might be led by the same influences to do the same thing. No one can estimate accurately the effect of such a demand on the purchasing power of gold, but it could hardly fall materially to reduce prices and enhance the value of money and fixed investments."

Mr. Bryan proposes to make a trip to Toluca, capital of the state of Mexico, where Governor Villada, a warm personal friend, is chief magistrate.

Among the tens of thousands who have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for colds and la grippe during the past few years, to our knowledge, not a single case has resulted in pneumonia. Those who have used it, 244 Wabash avenue, Chicago, one of the most prominent retail druggists in that city, in speaking of this, says: "We recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for la grippe in many cases, as it not only gives prompt and complete recovery, but also counteracts any tendency of la grippe to result in pneumonia." For sale by M. M. Lewis, druggist.

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W. H. Howell, Houston, Tex., writes—I have used Little Early Riser Pills in my family for constipation, sick headache, etc. To their use I am indebted for the health of my family. D. C. Bowman.

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Digests all classes of food, tones and strengthens the stomach and digestive organs. Cures Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Stomach Troubles, and makes rich red blood, health and strength. Kodol rebuilds worn-out tissues, purifies, strengthens and sweetens the stomach. Gov. G. W. Atkinson, of W. Va., says: I have used a number of bottles of Kodol and have found it to be a very effective and indeed, a powerful remedy for stomach ailments. I recommend it to my friends. D. C. Bowman.

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Man is a wild animal and woman a wild animal tamer

### CABLE AT HONOLULU

First Link of Trans-Pacific Line Reaches Hawaii.

DIVIDED INTO FOUR SECTIONS

Is Being Laid Under Concession Granted By the President, and When Completed Will Be About 8,000 Miles Long.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—A message from the cable ship Silverton says it reached Honolulu yesterday, completing the cable. The first message will be Governor Dole's greeting to President Roosevelt. The cable was buoyed off the island of Oahu in about 450 fathoms of water. Up to this time 2,238 nautical miles of cable have been paid out. The shore end of the cable, which is of a heavier type than the sea cable, will be spliced to the sea cable some miles off Diamond Head, which is to be the landing place of the cable. The link now about completed is the first of four, which are promised to be finished within a year, each averaging 2,000 miles in length.

The second section will extend northwestward from Hawaii to the Midway Islands, a barren group, which obtains its name through its location about midway between the United States and the Asiatic coast. The landing will be made on Sand Island, the largest of the group. It is practically uninhabited.

The next link will be to Guam, around the southern coast of which is the deepest ocean chasm known, extending to a depth of over seven miles. The cable will skirt around the banks of this chasm, landing on the north coast of Guam. On this island the United States now has a naval station and governor.

The fourth and last section will make a detour of the island of Luzon, landing in Manila Bay, and completing an all-American cable between the United States and all of its Pacific possessions. Rates to the Philippines will be reduced from the present figure of \$1.66 to \$1 per word, which will also be the rate to China and Japan. The new cable will carry a message from the United States to Manila with only three relays instead of 14, as is now required via the European route. The cable is laid by the Commercial Cable Company, under a concession granted by the president of the United States.

Among the provisions agreed to by the company are that the line from the Philippines to China shall be constructed within one year, and operated independently of all foreign companies and concerns; that the United States shall have the right to purchase the cable at any time and to assume full control of the cable in time of war; and that only American operators shall be employed.

### MINERS EXPECT INCREASE

Move to Give Mitchell and Wilson Larger Salaries.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 27.—A movement has been started among the Mine Workers to increase the salary of President Mitchell at the coming meeting of the National Association. His present salary is \$1,800 per annum, and that of Secretary-treasurer Wilson is \$1,500. During the anthracite strike these men contributed 25 per cent. of their earnings, and this, added to their regular assessment, made Mitchell's salary less than \$5 per day, while Wilson, who handled millions of dollars, received only about \$4. It is now proposed to give Mitchell \$3,000 per annum, and make a corresponding advance for Wilson.

The miners are evidently expecting an increase in wages as a result of the national convention, which meets here January 19. The United Mine Workers' Journal, the official organ, said Thursday: "It seems to be generally conceded by the coal trade journals that the miners and mine workers will get an advance in wages during the coming year. Opinion, however, varies as to the amount of the advance to be given. The miners and mine workers are certainly entitled to a big advance. The size will depend upon the market conditions."

### SEVERE STORMS IN DENMARK

Many Lives Lost and Enormous Damage to Property and Shipping.

Copenhagen, Dec. 27.—The worst gale of many years visited Denmark on Christmas night and yesterday morning, and has done enormous damage to property and shipping. It is difficult to walk the streets of Copenhagen, owing to falling tiles, etc. Some streets were closed to traffic to avert this danger. The hospital reports show that several persons were killed and many sustained injuries in the city. Many houses have been unroofed and some mills and factories have been partly destroyed.

The water in the sound rose suddenly nearly as high as it did in the great flood of 1872. Several ships dragged their anchors and collided or were sunk in the outer harbor. Telegrams received here from the provinces report enormous damage to property throughout Denmark. Two boats have been wrecked off Elsinore, and eight persons were drowned. Eleven men of the crew, including Captain Tobiasen, were drowned in the wreck of the Norwegian bark G. S. Penry, which went ashore at Scaw. The Penry will be a total wreck, and her cargo is washing ashore. Only one of her crew was saved.

Lieutenant General Miles arrived at Peking, China, yesterday and reviewed the Chinese troops today.

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AND

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